

HOUSE STUDY GROUP

(House Bills)

HB, HCR, HJR, HSR 1925 Sponsor (s) Ezzell

Subject: Property sales at auctions

Committee Labor Vote Reported favorably, as amended

Ayes: 6 Present Not Voting: 0 Voting Nay:

Nays: 0 Absent: 5

Committee Witnesses: Support Opposition

Tom Keilmann-himself  
Texas Auctioneers

Digest: This bill would require an annual license to sell property at auctions. A \$1000 fine would be imposed for violation of the provision. A sale by a U.S. Court, a sheriff's sale, foreclosure sales, sales by non-profit organizations, or sales by private individuals are exempt from the licensing requirements.

The licensing fee for a resident auctioneer would be \$100, \$300 for non-residents. The Department of Labor and Standards would be given authority and responsibility for licensing and regulating under the provision.

Comments: The idea behind the bill is to up-grade the profession though it is unclear how that result will be accomplished. Section 5 states that the Commissioner of Labor shall issue to any applicant a license upon receipt of the license fees. Thus, it seems the only qualification would be that the auctioneer have \$100 (or \$300).

The auctioneers support the bill.

The sponsor anticipates offering a complete substitute on the Floor.